

**WALDO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION  
FEBRUARY 10, 2009**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Donald P. Berry, Sr. (Chairman), Amy R. Fowler and William D. Shorey. Also present was County Clerk Barbara L. Arseneau and EMA Volunteer Carmine Pecorelli.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Present for this report was Treasurer David A. Parkman and Deputy Treasurer Karen Trussell.

**REVENUE CONTROL REPORT:**

D. Parkman reported that the Miscellaneous Income received is well over what it should be because what had to be transferred into Bangor Savings had to be receipted through the Corrections Reimbursement account. It will look "high" for a while.

**APPROPRIATIONS:**

D. Parkman noted that the Commissioners Professional Services line is 23% expended because of 2008 bills. B. Arseneau explained that this was largely due to attorney fees for union negotiations.

D. Parkman notified the Commissioners that the Communications Center will likely have an issue by the end of the year. \$10,000 of the original requested budget was inadvertently left off the total of the 2009 Communications budget, which was a formula error in the budget template and no fault of the Communications Director. The Director has decided to reduce the Part-time line by that amount to make up for the difference, but that line will likely be overdrawn, and the telephone line likely will be as well.

W. Shorey inquired about cash flow. D. Parkman explained that \$200,000.00 to \$300,000.00 per month has typically been borrowed early in the year to run County business, but this year is the best year so far and currently there is still over \$500,000.00 in the General Fund to fund payroll and accounts payable. As compared with previous years, D. Parkman emphasized that right now the County is starting off the year very well.

There was discussion of the current economy in this country and that this may still be a difficult year for the County budget. There was concern that if citizens cannot pay property taxes, this would impact the County.

D. Parkman informed the Commissioners that as Treasurer, he has only charged interest three times for three towns in the past on delinquent (past due) property taxes. "We can't charge interest until December 1<sup>st</sup>, and believe me, it doesn't go over well," D. Parkman stated. "Usually we get enough taxes paid in September and October to start paying back the T.A.N."

**WARRANTS:**

D. Parkman read expenditures from the Capital, Active and Restricted Accounts.

**\*\*D. Berry moved, A. Fowler seconded authorizing payment of January 30, 2009 Active and Restricted Reserve accounts in the amount of \$9,342.03. Unanimous.**

**\*\*D. Berry moved, A. Fowler seconded authorizing payment of the January 30, 2009 General Fund Accounts Payable warrant in the amount of \$131,935.15. Unanimous.**

**\*\*D. Berry moved, A. Fowler seconded authorizing payment of the January 22, 2009 General Fund Payroll warrant in the amount of \$92,068.06 . Unanimous.**

**\*\*D. Berry moved, A. Fowler seconded authorizing payment of the January 30, 2009 Jail Accounts Payable warrant in the amount of \$74,082.06. Unanimous.**

**\*\*D. Berry moved, A. Fowler seconded authorizing payment of the January 22, 2009 Jail Payroll warrant in the amount of \$44,659.02. Unanimous.**

**\*\*D. Berry moved, A. Fowler seconded authorizing payment of the February 10, 2009 Capital, Active & Restricted warrant in the amount of \$9,117.31. Unanimous.**

**\*\*D. Berry moved, A. Fowler seconded authorizing payment of the February 10, 2009 Jail warrant in the amount of \$29,267.04. Unanimous.**

**\*\*D. Berry moved, A. Fowler seconded authorizing payment of the February 4, 2009 Jail Payroll warrant in the amount of \$48,110.67. Unanimous.**

**\*\*D. Berry moved, A. Fowler seconded authorizing payment of the February 10, 2009 General Fund warrant in the amount of \$66,727.89. Unanimous.**

**\*\*D. Berry moved, A. Fowler seconded authorizing payment of the February 4, 2009 General Fund Payroll warrant in the amount of \$90,362.89. Unanimous.**

D. Parkman stated that there is about \$78,000.00 in the Jail Account currently. W. Shorey wondered why the County was doing so well this year. D. Parkman explained that the most recent few years, the county has increased the overlay amount and this has helped tremendously in not having to borrow funds from the Tax Anticipation Note early in the year.

**2009 TAX (MIL RATE) ASSESSMENT:**

D. Parkman recommended setting the Mil Rate for 2009 at .00151227. He noted that the assessment to several towns went down from 2008, and listed as examples the City of Belfast and the Towns of Burnham and Monroe. He noted that the breakdown, in terms of valuation, was as follows:

Top Ten Highest paying, in terms of valuation:

Belfast  
Islesboro  
Lincolnton  
Northport  
Searsport  
Winterport  
Stockton Springs  
Palermo

Searsmont  
Swanville

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded to set the 2009 Tax (Mil) Rate at .00151227 for 2009. Unanimous.**

**FUNDING ABORN HILL TOWER PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Present for this discussion was Facilities Manager Keith Nealley, Treasurer David A. Parkman and Deputy Treasurer Karen Trussell. K. Trussell asked how the Aborn Hill Tower project would be funded. A. Fowler felt that due to the magnitude of the project, it should filter through the County financial accounts. K. Trussell inquired as to how the Commissioners wished to do this. In the past, the EMA Director has funded grant applications through the EMA State account. If it is over \$500,000.00, it would require its own audit. K. Nealley stated that he knew it would not be over \$500,000.00. K. Trussell also reminded the Commissioners that if all grants received in a year totaled over \$500,000.00, this is also the case. D. Rowley would be coming down later this morning to discuss this further. D. Parkman, while he was not in favor of creating another account, felt there should be another line created in a restricted reserve account.

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded creating a restricted reserve account for the Aborn Hill Tower Project in order to fund the grant application process, to be titled by that name. Unanimous.**

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Unanimous.**

**FACILITIES REPORT:**

Present for this report was Facilities Manager Keith Nealley, who reported the following:

1. Commissioner Shorey and he did a "walk through" of the Superior Courthouse basement and looked at the boiler system. It is definitely oversized for the building, but is fairly efficient for what it is taking in fuel. K. Nealley wondered if it might be wise to wait and see if there would be any grant money available to fund an efficiency project. There is a report from Carpenter Associates, which K. Nealley copied for Commissioner Shorey and put in his mailbox. For the current time, he would continue to monitor thermostats and reduce the temperature on weekends and evenings. W. Shorey said that even with some controls put on there, "This is a terrible building to work with."

2. Fuel Oil bid proposal requests have gone out last week and are due February 27, 2009. Action can be taken on these in March. K. Nealley has looked into the bid process, which is usually "over rack" price rather than locked in. It runs from 13 – 25% over rack price. When Hancock County Finance Director Phil Roy came to Waldo County during Jail budget planning, he stated that they were receiving about 6 to 7% discounted below rack price. W. Shorey asked what Waldo County's current rate was and K. Nealley replied that the locked-in rate is \$3.87 per gallon. W. Shorey also asked what had been budgeted in 2009 and K. Nealley explained that the Budget Committee cut it back to a certain dollar amount, thinking that the rates would remain low. K. Nealley said he would shut down deliveries and monitor levels to try to wait until the cheaper rates could be obtained. Typically the Superior Courthouse burns about 6000 gallons per year. There was brief mention of the City of Belfast locking in at \$2.04 per gallon for a two-year contract on January of this year. K. Nealley mentioned that in discussions with the County Clerk, to her knowledge 2008 was the first year the County "got burned" on a lock-in rate. K. Nealley's only concern with not locking in, is the budget "unknowns" of off-rack pricing. W. Shorey agreed. "When you are talking about a nickel or dime difference, it isn't worth it when you are dealing with a budget." The only question he had

was he had heard of a few “deals” in which some Towns had signed up for about 10 cents more for a second year. K. Nealley quoted from the newspaper article that the School System had locked in at a little higher for a second year, and said he would look into it.

3. Estimate for the recent damage to the County Facilities Van: K. Nealley noted that this involved an employee who was doing a little plowing at the Communications Center with a personal vehicle and backed into the County van by accident. K. Nealley recommended that a policy be established that no employees use their personal vehicles to plow County property. The Commissioners agreed and said they would address this later.

4. K. Nealley submitted a list of Capital Improvement Projects completed in 2008 and proposed for subsequent years as follows:

Completed in 2008:

District Courthouse: Painted the Courtyard.

University of Maine Cooperative Extension Office: Installed Handicap Ramp.

Waldo County Jail: Installed a new dishwasher, installed an electric hot-water heater, and repainted all exterior trim.

Sheriff’s Office: Rebuilt entryway and installed new vinyl siding, shingled the roof and siding on the link building between the barn and office, and renovated the shed at the rear of the barn.

Proposed for 2009:

All buildings: To have energy audits, rooms labeled and equipment inventoried. Ongoing replacement of light switches with occupancy sensor. Lighting with high efficiency bulbs and monitoring of all energy consumption. Computerized maintenance management system.

District Courthouse: Redo Handicap access on Miller Street.

Extension Building: Paint exterior.

Sheriff’s Office: Re-roof barn.

Proposed for 2010:

Ongoing replacement of light switches with occupancy sensors. Lighting with high efficiency bulbs and monitoring of all energy consumption.

Superior Courthouse: Boiler replacement and heating system upgrade.

Proposed for 2011:

Ongoing replacement of light switches with occupancy sensors. Lighting with high efficiency bulbs and monitor all energy consumption.

Superior Courthouse: Install handicap accessible doors at Church Street and High Street locations, rework handicap ramp and Church Street location, rework cooling for building – possibly with central air.

Proposed for 2012:

Communications Center: Repave and re-stripe parking area.

District Courthouse: Repave, re-stripe parking area, install cement barricades, and install handicap railings at Church Street.

5. K. Nealley suggested that the County needs a vision statement.

**EMA REPORT:**

Present with the Commissioners were EMA Director Dale Rowley and EMA Volunteer Carmine Pecorelli. Mr. Pecorelli submitted to the Commissioners his "Curriculum Vitae" listing his extensive career experience. C. Pecorelli explained that he is a Volunteer EMA Director for Town of Belmont. He explained that he also serves as a volunteer with Waldo County EMA and "is very fond of Colonel Dale." He expressed his opinion of how capable Dale Rowley is in his EMA capacity and as a family man.

C. Pecorelli discussed his experience as Assistant Chief Support Services and Ambassador of State in New Jersey from 1975 through 1992. In December of 1992, there was a disaster. In January, he was asked to assist with public service exposure and was hired on-the-spot as a local hire for FEMA. He did his part, introduced them, they received their coverage, and then he became a Reservist in 1993. These are Disaster Assistance Employees. He knows the paperwork, the contacts and the ethic. Then he assisted his daughter with his grandchildren. He was later hired in a part-time assignment in which all grants needed to be processed for an hourly wage. That was in July of 1993. After having paid taxes to Belmont from 1982 to 1984 and expanding his house, he is now a full-time resident. That "six-month assignment" went from 1993 until 2004. He is now volunteering his services to the County of Waldo and wished to continue to assist Waldo County. He has already talked to Dale Rowley, and, with his permission, is now speaking with the Commissioners to offer his services with grant writing and managing and also as an assistant with Public Assistance. He explained that this is how the County gets assistance with roads, etc., and D. Rowley has welcomed this. C. Pecorelli would be putting in time in the office of the Waldo County EMA. He told the Commissioners that he was here to propose this to them and they could think about it – either way, he was a volunteer. He spoke with someone in Frankfort, helped them fill out papers and has already created a file for every community in Waldo County.

A. Fowler said she did not need to think about it. She said that any assistance C. Pecorelli could be to Dale, particularly in grant writing and managing, she was so very appreciative. She knew Dale would be very appreciative. Anything Mr. Pecorelli could do with his extraordinary experience and references would be wonderful and much needed.

C. Pecorelli stated that he also serves as a coordinator for disaster management with the Waldo County General Hospital. For a while, he was working up to 30 hours. Last year was not a profitable year, and that office was being closed down. C. Pecorelli reminded the Commissioners that he was still a volunteer. He carried a proposal to Augusta for private assistance, as the hospital is non-profit. He emphasized that he is a volunteer anyway, and "you get stuck with volunteers."

He asked the Commissioners to let him know how he might be able to serve them. He also has been involved with Economic Development. In 1975, during the recession, he served in New Jersey. Afterward there was a budget of \$3,000,000.00. He also noted that he had lived through the Great Depression.

The Commissioners thanked C. Pecorelli for meeting with them.

EMA REPORT: D. Rowley reported the following:

1. Aborn Hill Tower Project: D. Rowley informed the Commissioners that a number of contractors have expressed interest in this project and there is a site walk-thorough tomorrow. He anticipates receiving at least a half-dozen bid packages. The schedule is as follows:

- Site Inspection tomorrow
- Responses due by 2/20/09
- Project Team Evaluations 2/23/09
- Recommendation to County Commissioners 3/10/09
- Start design

D. Berry informed all that a restricted account should be set up for this project.

3. Grant Applications: D. Rowley reported that he was currently “overwhelmed with eighteen (18) different grant application processes.” He explained that he was keeping track of each one separately.

4. D. Rowley reported that his National Guard Unit has been “tagged” to go to Iraq. He notified the Commissioners that he may be running the local Guard Unit while the current person in charge is deployed. If that falls through, he may submit retirement papers. He noted that he will either have an odd work schedule from July through December, or there won’t be an issue at all. He would keep the Commissioners informed. D. Rowley informed the Commissioners that he has kept track of compensation time he has accrued and/or used in the past and explained that he will lose \$12,000 if he resigns with the National Guard. He said he would like to serve as a consultant for other counties and would like to use the accrued comp time for that purpose. He noted that he will still make the 40-hours-plus schedule of work for the County. The Commissioners stated that they did not have a problem with this use of his comp time. All felt it was similar to County deputies who work for municipal law-enforcement agencies on the side. Plus, they noted that D. Rowley brings in a lot of money in grant funds for the County, so that should be considered, as well. W. Shorey wondered if the consulting would be a day at a time or some hours at a time. D. Rowley felt it would be more of a couple hours of meetings rather than an entire day. He told the Commissioners that he has written Waldo and Hancock’s Hazard Mitigation plans. W. Shorey explained that what prompted that question is he could see it was going to be hard to keep track of. D. Rowley said he had a spreadsheet calculating his daily hours. This was at the suggestion of the County Clerk. B. Arseneau told the Commissioners that the FLSA employees in the Commissioners/Treasurer’s Offices do the same thing, as advised by an attorney a number of years ago.

D. Berry said that, as president of the Tri-Town Snow Riders Club, he wished to inform Dale that there are now five Life-Flight landing sites, which has been developed with the assistance of Bob LaFountaine. D. Rowley said he was pleased to hear this. D. Berry stated that he would send those coordinates to D. Rowley. D. Rowley said that his goal was to put together a data-base for Life-Flight for Waldo County. On one occasion, D. Rowley had to physically stand in the location for the helicopter to land and give hand signals because there were no actual coordinates in place. He felt that this was extremely important because there aren’t enough Life-Flight landing sites in Waldo County. Dry hydrants also need to be identified in the County. D. Rowley noted that this is another problem that needs to be dealt with. Some municipalities know where their dry hydrants are. In other towns, there is often a loss of time for fire trucks to come to

one hydrant only to find it's dry and move on to another one. This is another project D. Rowley would like to work on for the local fire departments.

### **SHERIFF'S REPORT:**

Present for this report were Sheriff Scott Story, Chief Deputy Robert Keating and Facilities Manager Keith Nealley.

W. Shorey asked S. Story how the deputies purchase gasoline for the cruisers. S. Story explained that they can fill up anywhere, but it is through "Wright Express," which has been the case since 2008. It allows for a lot of reporting options and is a "great program." Every time the card is used, the vehicle mileage and individual authorization code must be entered. This helps in tracking usage, vehicle efficiency, etc. Originally this had been handled through the CAD Spillman System, but the Wright Express program is more streamlined and is easier to use. There is a discount given right at the pump, which eliminates sending paperwork for reimbursement after the fact.

1. S. Story submitted the Waldo County Corrections Center Population Tracking Summary for 2008.
2. 2009 Community Corrections Service Agreement with Volunteers of America: S. Story explained that this originally was a one-year contract. S. Story asked for a 60-day exit clause, due to the economic climate. The contract requires a signature from the County Commissioner Chairman. D. Berry signed the contract on behalf of the Commissioners.
3. S. Story noted that the Collective Bargaining Unit contract stipulates that any new full-time hires must go through internally before looking outside the agency. The County was fortunate to have an appropriate candidate in current part-time employee Damien Stone, who lives in Frankfort. He graduated from the field-training program and S. Story reported that he does an excellent job.  
**\*\*A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded hiring Damien Stone as Full-time Deputy at \$16.28 per hour, effective February 8, 2009. Unanimous.**

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded entering an Executive Session at 10:30 a.m. for a legal matter according to M.R.S.A. 1 § 405 (D). Unanimous.**

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded exiting Executive Session at 10:49 a.m. Unanimous.**

### **JAIL MISSION DISCUSSION**

S. Story has sent a request for a mission change for the Waldo County Correctional Center to become a re-entry facility. The Inventory Needs Sub-Committee met with S. Story, and then reported back to the Corrections Working Group. Data is being gathered. Someone is assisting S. Story with an RFP for a consultant to work on this re-entry facility plan. S. Story said he would need to approach the Commissioners later with the next step. He explained that he was not at all sure what the cost for this consultant would be, but has some business acquaintances that he will check with to try to determine an estimate.

A conference call was held yesterday. S. Story felt that Waldo County was further ahead than other facilities. "What we lack in a building up there, we more than make up for in functions."

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded to enter Executive Session for a legal matter at 10:37 a.m. according to Title 1 § 401 (D). Unanimous.**

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded coming out of Executive Session at 10:48 a.m. Unanimous.**

There was no action taken by the Commissioners.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Reporting correspondence to the Commissioners was County Clerk Barbara L. Arseneau with Deputy County Clerk Veronica Stover taking minutes as follows:

1. MCCA Risk Manager Malcolm Ulmer has sent the 2009 Member Coverage Certificate for Waldo County.
2. A copy packet of information sent by Gregory A. Hills of Montville as a resident, tax payer, former Selectman, former Planning Board Member, Current Chair of Budget Committee, Chair of Republican Party in Montville, has been received February 10, 2009 by the Commissioners Office. It contained a request to the Maine Attorney General to investigate the current Board of Selectmen in Montville and alleged that “they have purposefully undervalued land to benefit an organization that they are involved with, using the abatement process.” The Commissioners noted this information.
3. Mr. Peter Gray of 526 Detroit Road in Troy, Maine has requested a tax abatement appeal hearing with the County Commissioners.  
**\*\*D. Berry moved, A. Fowler seconded to hear the tax abatement appeal as requested by Mr. Gray during the March 10, 2009 regularly scheduled County Commissioners Court Session. Unanimous.**
4. District Courthouse Lease Update: Representative John Piotti sent a copy of a letter he sent to Treasurer David Parkman dated January 26, 2009 following up on his recent discussion with D. Parkman about the County’s difficulties with the state court system and the lease at the courthouse. He stated that his staff recently contacted State Court Administrator James (Ted) Glessner about the issue and it was his understanding that the issue is well on its way to being resolved. He was informed that the court system will be paying the correct rent going forward and will be issuing a check to the County to pay for the past rent owed. Furthermore, Mr. Glessner informed J. Piotti that it is his intention to draft a memorandum of understanding between the Court and the County reflecting the new rent structure as well as a few other minor issues the County Commissioners had raised. Regional Court Administrator. J. Piotti noted that in his discussions with T. Glessner regarding the implementation of a new lease, T. Glessner believes that changes in State procedures with respect to leases, particularly those regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, could make crafting a new lease a lengthy process. T. Glessner felt that the memorandum is a better option for bringing this issue to a quick and satisfactory result at this time and that a new lease will be a larger and more complicated discussion that both sides could look at in the future.

The Commissioners expressed their pleasure at hearing this news and instructed B. Arseneau to send letters thanking both David Parkman and Representative Piotti for their efforts in resolving this matter.

5. Following this, a letter dated February 3, 2009 to the County Commissioners was received from State Court Administrator James (Ted) Glessner with a Memorandum of Understanding enclosed regarding the expired lease for the Belfast District Court. He reiterated that, as explained during a telephone conversation with the Commissioners’ Office earlier this week, the Court is unable to enter into a new lease,



but can agree to a change in the amount of rent as well as some minor language revisions, which were all documented in the MOU. He apologized for the fact that the rent increase of July 1, 2008 rent increase of 4% had not been implemented and acknowledged that the Court owed the County \$1,739.43 for the first seven months at that increased rate. He noted that, assuming the Commissioners are in agreement with the provisions of the MOU, he has authorized payment in the amount of cost-per-square foot of \$13.77 going forward. The Commissioners agreed to the terms of the MOU and signed the contract, instructing the County Clerk to send a copy back to the Court.

6. Legal Secretary Carla Rogerson sent a letter to the County Commissioners notifying them that the District Attorney's photocopier lease will expire February 29, 2009. She has spoken with the same company the copier is leased through now and has received a proposal from them. She provided the specifications for the photocopier and noted that the cost would actually decrease per month from the current amount of \$294.09 to \$261.00. The Commissioners agreed to sign the new lease.

**\*\*D. Berry moved, A. Fowler seconded accepting the photocopier lease for the District Attorney's Office at \$261.00 per month for a 60-month lease. Unanimous.**

7. Corrections Officer Benjamin Drouin has resigned his position effective January 22, 2009.

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, D. Berry seconded accepting with regret the resignation of Corrections Officer Benjamin Drouin effective January 22, 2009. Unanimous.**

8. Communications Director Owen Smith notified the Commissioners that Full-time Dispatcher Elizabeth Daggett will complete the six-months probationary period and will be eligible for a longevity step increase from \$14.51 to \$15.00 per hour effective February 24, 2009.

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded to accept the completed probationary period and subsequent pay step increase for Dispatcher Elizabeth Daggett effective February 24, 2009. Unanimous.**

9. Corrections Officer Bruce Rust has terminated employment effective January 28, 2009.

**\*\*D. Berry moved, A. Fowler seconded accepting the employment termination date of January 28, 2009 for Corrections Officer Bruce Rust. Unanimous.**

10. Part-time Dispatcher Linda Wry recently became certified as a terminal operator with Maine Metro and NCIC and is now eligible for an increase in part-time pay from \$12.21 to \$14.51 per hour. This was noted by the County Commissioners.

11. B. Arseneau inquired as to whom she should forward Sears Island information, now that Commissioner Hyk is no longer there to receive it and was assigned monitoring this information. The Commissioners assigned Commissioner Shorey to receive this information from now on.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**\*\*A. Fowler, W. Shorey seconded entering Executive Session for a Personnel Matter at 11:00 a.m. according to M.R.S.A. 1 § 401 (D). Unanimous.**

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded exiting Executive Session at 11:14 a.m. Unanimous.**

No action was taken by the County Commissioners.

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded entering Executive Session at 11:14 a.m. for a Legal/Personnel Matter Session according to M.S.R.A. 1 § 401 (D). Unanimous.**

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded exiting Executive Session at 11:23 a.m. Unanimous.**

No action was taken by the County Commissioners.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS COMMISSIONERS BUSINESS**

W. Shorey asked if he should enter executive session for an unknown matter.

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, D. Berry seconded entering Executive Session at 11:46 a.m. according to M.R.S.A. 1, 401(D) to see if it was, in fact, allowed for discussion in Executive Session. Unanimous.**

Brief discussion before entering the session: Journalist Ethan Andrews questioned why there were so many executive sessions and the Commissioners explained that this could be for union matters, personnel matters related to subjects that are not public discussion, etc.

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded exiting Executive Session at 12:01 a.m.**

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded taking no action. Unanimous.**

#### **MINUTES APPROVED:**

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded accepting the minutes from the January 20, 2009 Waldo County Commissioners Court Session. Unanimous.**

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, D. Berry seconded accepting the minutes from Tax Abatement Appeal Hearing for E. Leary vs. the Town of Palermo, Petition #342, dated November 11, 2008. Unanimous.**

#### **NEXT COURT SESSION:**

W. Shorey suggested meeting as soon after fuel oil bids come in to make a decision on these right away.

A. Fowler asked for a description of “rack” price. W. Shorey explained that this was the bottom price the fuel is sold at. W. Shorey said prices are dropping at this point.

The next regularly scheduled Commissioners Court Session will be March 10, 2009.

**\*\*D. Berry moved, W. Shorey seconded adjourning the meeting at 12:01 p.m. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted by Barbara L. Arseneau  
Waldo County Clerk